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FOR STATE, OFFICE OF MUNITIONS CONTROL

E.O. 11652: NA  
TAGS: MASS, UY  
SUBJ: INQUIRY ABOUT SALE OF SIGNIFICANT COMBAT EQUIPMENT

REF: A) 77 STATE 207984 B) 77 STATE 252478 C) 77 STATE A-4092

1. IN LATE APRIL, THE URUGUAYAN NAVY ISSUED AN INTERNATIONAL CALL FOR BIDS FOR THREE ASHEVILLE CALSS PATROL BOATS OF ABOUT 250-300 TONS DISPLACEMENT, WITH 25 KNOT MAXIMUM CRUISING SPEED, AND PREPARED ELETRONICALLY FOR SWEDISH 375 MM BOFORS ROCKET LAUNCHERS AFT AND TWIN 40 MM GUN TURRET FORWARD. THE SPECIFICATIONS CALLED FOR EITHER ARMED OR UNARMED SHIPS. THE TOTAL COST IS ESTIMATED AT \$30 MILLION.

2. IN EARLY MAY, A LOCAL FIRM, AERO CONSULTORA URUGUAYA, CONTACTED THREE U.S. FIRMS OFFERING TO ACT AS THEIR AGENT IN THE SALE PROCEDURES. ONE U.S. FIRM, TAKOMA BOATBUILDING CO. OF TAKOMA, WASHINGTON, REPLIED INDICATING SERIOUS INTEREST IN THE SALES OPPORTUNITY AND STATED IT WOULD BE CONTACTING THE U.S. EMBASSY IN MONTEVIDEO AND WASHINGTON OFFICIALS. EMBASSY  
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COMMERCIAL OFFICER HAS ADVISED URUGUAYAN FIRM TO INFORM TAKOMA BOATBUILDING TO SEEK GUIDANCE FROM OFFICE OF MUNITIONS CONTROL BEFORE PROCEEDING FURTHER BECAUSE IT APPEARS PATROL BOATS PROBABLY FALL INTO CATEGORY OF QUOTE SIGNIFICANT COMBAT EQUIPMENT UNQUOTE WHICH REQUIRE PRIOR USG APPROVAL FOR SALES PROPOSALS.

3. COMMENTS: WE ARE REPORTING THIS GOU INTEREST IN WHAT APPEARS TO BE SIGNIFICANT COMBAT EQUIPMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF B INSTRUCTIONS. UNLESS ADVISED TO THE CONTRARY BY THE DEPARTMENT WE ARE ASSUMING THAT SIGNIFICANT COMBAT EQUIPMENT AS DEFINED IN THE ITAR'S IS IN FACT INVOLVED AND ARE ADHERING TO THE GUIDANCE IN PARA F (1) OF REF. B IN OUR RELATIONS WITH THE LOCAL FIRM. FINALLY, WE NOTE THAT, IF AN EXPORT LICENSE IS REQUIRED FOR THIS EQUIPMENT APPROVAL WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY BE PRECLUDED BY OUR CURRENT ARMS EXPORT POLICY TOWARD URUGUAY.  
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